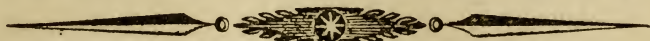


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*Malachi, Chap. 3rd.
Verses, 8, 9, and 10.* { WILL A MAN ROB GOD?
YES, YE HAVE ROBBED ME!!
BUT YE SAY WHEREIN HAVE WE
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"Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the TITHES into the STOREHOUSE, that there may be meat in mine house."

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FIRST

EPISTLE OF PETER,

CHAPTER THE 2nd

The mind (in any degree enlightened with the true light) must immediately perceive on reading this Chapter, that it was written for the last days, then and not till then to be put in force, when the foundation stone JESUS CHRIST should be laid in Zion! according to that ancient prophecy recorded in Isaiah, Chap. 28th. 15th. 16th. and 17th. verses, The 15th. verse shows the desire that should prevail over the human mind, that iniquity should come to its height, that the iniquity of the Amorites, i. e. vain talkers about religion, and deceivers should come to the full, and then the cure, or the means of cure, should be established, as declared in the two following verses, “ *Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold I lay in Zion, for a Foundation, a Stone, a tried Stone, a precious corner Stone, a sure foundation* ”; signifying that the foundation which men by their wisdom had laid prior to the laying this foundation in Zion, was not a sure foundation, but a sandy, moveable, and uncertain one, he that believeth shall not make haste, i. e. shall not be confounded, Judgment also will I lay to the line, and Righteousness to the plummet, and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding places.

Now as it is evident and clear that the Chapter in Isaiah, is a prophecy of these last day's, we know also that what is written in the Epistle, bearing the name of Peter, was written for the same time and contains directions for the people who receive the deliverer that comes forth out of Zion, and that build their hopes of happiness, and eternal life upon the foundation Stone, laid in Zion, the Lords elect and anointed Servant! which Stone, or Rock, is Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, comprehended in the word Wisdom.

We perceive then as Peter, quotes the passage out of Isaiah, viz. Behold, I lay in Zion, for a foundation, a Stone, &c. &c. It is cer-

tain that both the word by the Prophet Isaiah, and the Epistle by Peter, point to the last days—(the present time,) then and not till then, to have their accomplishment, and the law contained in them to be put in force, and reduced to practice, by the children of Zion, while they remain in a state of trial and persecution, a Militant state, which is their state at present—and will be for a time, till God shall put down all rule, all authority and power, and the whole world be Governed by the word and laws of God alone, and the word of God in Zion, shall perform this, for he must reign till all enemies are put under his feet.

We find then in the 13th. and 14th. verses of the Chapter, (1st. of Peter and 2nd,) these following directions, by which we are to walk at this time, Submit yourselves to every ordinance of Man, for the Lords sake, whether it be to the King as Supreme, or unto Governors, as unto them that are sent by him, *for the Punishment of evil doers*, and for the praise of them that do well.

N. B. Many of the laws that now exist in this Country, were made under the immediate influence of the Spirit of God, although the makers of the laws knew nothing of its working in them, or for what purpose, or end they framed such laws, but God who worketh all things after the council of his own will, and who decreed that in this Land, (England,) *his Kingdom on Earth should first begin*, and that here in this Country, the true light should shine forth in Man, for the pulling down of the strong holds of error and delusion, the barriers to Freedom, Liberty, and Peace; and God knowing that his word of life would so act upon the recipients of it, when it should come, that they would boldly (for the Lords sake, and to free their fellow men from the cruel fangs of priestcraft, which by this time should overspread the land, and oppression and violence should be practised on one part of mankind by crafty and wicked disposed men, who would set themselves up as Bishops and Priests, without any authority from God,) that those people who first had the true light of the scriptures revealed to them, would boldly stand forth, and declare the truth, which truth should go to put down all religion before set up; consequently, had not God, in his providence, caused laws to be made for their protection before hand, their lives would be in danger from those whose damnable and erroneous principles they are influenced to oppose; therefore as it is our God that has caused good and wholesome laws to be made for our benefit, and under which we have protection from the malice of our enemies, and though we prove them deceivers and hypocrites, (from

the scriptures,) and boldly tell them so to their faces, yet so are the laws made that we defy them to do us any harm, but we shall pull down their Babel, by the very means or way that they have taken to set it up, that is by the Scriptures. Now the word directs us to submit therefore, to every ordinance or Law that man has made *for the punishment of evil doers*, but we are not enjoined or directed to submit or obey laws that countenance and support evil doers, but on the contrary are encouraged to resist them, under promise of protection from the Almighty, whose laws are written in our hearts, but as neither Kings nor Governors have made laws for the punishment of a certain set of evil doers, a set of thieves and robbers, but on the contrary have made laws for their support, (I mean, Popes, Bishops, Priests, and Parsons,) it is for us to know that there are laws made for them, and recorded in the scriptures of truth, by which they shall be deposed from their high seats, and their pretentions to the chair of St. Peter, proves to be falsehood, presumption, and the basest of hypocrisy.

Now we will prove that Popes, Bishops, and all Clergymen, are evil doers, and that of the first rate sort, they do evil of the most heinous, wicked, and awful kind, but if men have not made laws for the punishment of such evil doers, God has, and it is for us to bring forward these laws, and to put them in execution. Who authorized the Pope to take the title of his holiness, and to forgive sins, &c.; did God? No, he took this upon himself, swearing that he was called by God, though he knew that God never spoke to him, called him, or commanded him; and who gave the Bishops (so called) of England authority to take upon them the titles of Reverend, and Right Reverend Fathers in God, and to extort support and wealth from the people, as the servants of God, did God? No, and although they have sworn that the Holy Ghost have called them to the office, yet God has not called them, but they have sworn falsely, they know that God never called them, "they ran saith the Lord, but I sent them not, nor commanded them," therefore shall they not profit this people at all, then as they have sworn falsely, and taken upon them offices that God never appointed them unto, they are evil doers, and that of the worst kind, and have set the basest example to the human race, of perjury, hypocrisy, and wickedness, and to their laws we are not called to submit, but to *resist*, because they are evil.

Let the Bishop shew me his authority from God for standing in the office of Bishop, and of extorting money from the people for his

support, and let the Parson shew me his authority from the scriptures of truth, for taking tithes, dues, and offerings, and if he can shew me where God has authorized him, then I am bound to obey, but until he does this, I am bound by the word of God, to resist his claim and demand, because it is evil, he robs both God and Man, and I am not to have fellowship with thieves, nor with the unfruitful works of darkness, but to reprove them, "*Ye have robbed me saith the Lord, but ye say wherein have we robbed thee?*" Is not the answer then, "In tithes and offerings!" And therefore all the Clergymen who take tithes, and receive offerings, and dues, (as they call them,) first rob God of his honour, and Man of his property; they rob God of his honour, because they put themselves in God's place, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God; they stand in the place of Melchisedek, they call themselves King of Righteousness, King of Salam, King of Peace, Priest of the most high God, and they place the People as Abraham, who gave to Melchisedek tithes of all. Thus they presumptuously, and blasphemously put themselves in place of God, and compel the people by law, and force them to bow down to their shrine, and they extort money from them, under these pretences.

But now they must be informed that what is written in the 14th of Genesis, of Melchisedek receiving tithes of Abraham, was not an history, but a visitation of the spirit to some one, and is merely an Allegory, to have its fulfilment in God's own way, in the end; nor has Bishops, Priests, or Parsons any law recorded in Scripture, that will bear them out in taking of tithes, or offerings, or any such things.

Melchisedek is he to whom the Bishops and Clergy must now pay their tithes as well as all others, or they can never enter the Kingdom of God, for Melchisedek, is the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter, King of Righteousness, King of Salem, King of Peace, and to him the faithful now give up their tenths, i. e. the Body and Soul, in its ten properties, or ten senses, five of the Soul, and five of the Body*; these are tithes, or the tenths, that they who are of faith give up unto God, that they may not live unto themselves, but be servants unto righteousness, and this is all that is meant by

* The body has five senses, viz. hearing, seeing, feeling, smelling, tasting; and the mind has also five senses, the same. Man is said to hear, when his mind is affected with the truth, and the commands of God, and he yields obedience to the same. "O earth, earth, earth! i. e. O man, man, man! hear the word of the Lord." See Proverbs, viii. 34. Blessed is the man that heareth me; see Proverbs xiii. 1. A wise Son heareth his father's instructions, but a scorner heareth not rebuke, see Isaiah L. 5. The Lord God hath opened mine ear, and

tithes, in the Scripture, and then when they thus resign themselves to God, to be taught of him, God gives them his body and blood in return, that is, he makes them partakers of his divine substance, his divine nature, which was signified by Melchisedek putting bread and wine before Abraham, and he blessed Abraham, saying, "*Blessed be Abraham of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth.*" Now there never was such persons on earth as Abraham and Melchisedek, literally, they are only figures to represent what should come to pass in the last days; that God who is the real Melchisedek should then visit man by his spirit, and bless the humanity, giving man eternal life, which all the Scriptures testify was that great blessing kept in store by God, reserved exclusively for the latter day, then to raise man up to the enjoyment of wisdom, life, and peace; see John chap. 6. v. 40. "*And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one that seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life. And I will raise him up at the last day.*" The Clergy not knowing the meaning of the Scriptures when they speak of resurrection, have invented the doctrine of the resurrection of bodies out of the ground again at the last day, and have spread this delusion to the deceiving of millions of people; and in like manner have they misunderstood the meaning of tithes, and being filled with avarice, and exercised with covetous practices, they are willing still to be blind to its true meaning, because they

I was not rebellious, neither turned away back, see Isaiah xxli. 3. The ears of them that hear shall hearken.

The mind of man has also a seeing faculty, or sense. We say we see a subject, or any thing that another is instructing us into, when we have the light of it, and clearly understand it, this we call seeing, therefore it is written—"The eyes of the blind shall see, out of obscurity and out of darkness," see Book of Job. "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye seeth thee," i. e. now I am enlightened by thy spirit to understand thy mysterious dealings with me, see Proverbs xx. 12. The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made both of them.

The mind has also the sense of smelling; it has, under the divine influence, a quick scent, see Isaiah, chapter the 11th, v. 3rd. It reads in our translation quick understanding, but in the Hebrew it reads scent, or smell. "And shall make him of quick scent in the fear of the Lord," see Jeremiah xlvii. v. 11. It saith of Moab, his taste remaineth in him, and his scent is not changed. The mind has also the sense of tasting, see Psalm cxix. v. 103, "how sweet are thy words to my taste." See Canticles, chapter 2nd, v. 3. "his fruit was sweet to my taste." Paul speaks of tasting of the heavenly gift and the good word of God, Hebrews c. 6. v. 5. Peter speaks of tasting, that the Lord is gracious. The mind has also the sense of feeling, both of pain and anguish, and of peace and joy. We might bring forward many scriptures to prove this, but this must be understood by every one, therefore there is no need to enlarge here.

Here we have showed you the instrument of Ten strings, on which the praises of God are to be sung, as mentioned in the Psalms. It is a man, who should by the visitation of God to him, devote his body and mind to the service of God, and also all men who will yield obedience unto God, see Psalm xxxii. 2, xcii. 3, cxliv. 9

are made rich thereby ; but Paul tells them plainly in the first and second verses of the twelfth chapter of Romans, what kind, and the only kind of tithes that men are to pay to Melchisedek, the Priest of the most high God, King of Righteousness, King of Salem.

“ I beseech you brethren by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service, but be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed in the renewing of your minds ;” here are the tithes that all are to pay to God, and the Clergy have no ground to stand upon in making their claims, now that the Scriptures are made plain upon the subject of tithes ; the Clergy may argue that the people under the Jewish law paid tithes to the Priest, well, if it were so, what claim have they upon that ground ? do they stand in their office by the direct and immediate appointment of God ? did God speak to them, and command them to become Priests or Ministers ? No, God declares that he did not command them, nor speak to them, but they ran of themselves, neither will they dare to tell us that God did speak to them, or command them, for they deny communications of this kind from God, in these days, so they are condemned out of their own mouths, and they themselves prove that God never did speak to them, or command them, and this being the case, the people are not bound by the law of God to support them, or to pay them tithes, dues, or offerings. for as God has not employed them, there is nothing due to them, but to be considered, and treated as imposters, and deceivers.

If the Clergy could prove that they are descended from Moses and Aaron, they may have some pretence for the claims they make, but as they have not descended from them, they have no claim that way, and if they pretend to be Ministers of the Gospel, why do they still claim tithes, and dues, and offerings, according (as they would say,) to the Jewish law ; what has Christians to do with these laws ? Is not Christ the end of the law, for righteousness to every one that believeth, then their taking of tithes, and claiming of dues, is an imposition, and are the strongest proofs they can possibly give, that they themselves are not believers in Christ, and we are warned against them, by the Spirit of God through Paul ; see the Epistle to the Romans, chap. 16. v. 17, 18. *“ Now I beseech you Brethren, mark them which cause division and offences contrary to the doctrines which ye have received, and avoid them, for they that are such, serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own*

Belly, and by good words and fair speeches, deceive the hearts of the simple."

Here is a true picture of the Clergy of England, drawn by the Holy Ghost, here they are condemned by the Spirit of God in all their doings, in imposing laws upon the people contrary to the Spirit of Christ, and the Gospel; and as they are hereby proved to be evil doers, the Parliament of England (if they profess to be a Christian body, and to reverence the holy Scriptures, as the word of God,) ought to make laws to punish them, instead of supporting them in their wicked craft, We will obey all the laws that they have made for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well, and we thank God for his kind providence in causing these laws to be made, but we are not to obey laws that men make to protect and support evil doers, in their evil doing; for in so doing we should be obeying man, and not God, and thereby bring ourselves under condemnation; therefore what is here published to the world, is not sent forth with a view to stir up strife or a spirit of rebellion in the minds of men against their rulers, that rule justly; but God having revealed the truth of his word, and shewn by the enlightening power of his spirit, how evil disposed men have, and do, walk in craftiness, handling the Word of God deceitfully, making merchandize of men's souls, and making the Bible the Mammon of unrighteousness. We in the fear of God, having this ministry, faint not, but will persevere in exposing the horrible trade of Priestcraft, for God's time being come for evil, and the doers of it, to be put down; we as his agents to whom he has revealed the truth, cannot conceal it, if we did, we should of all beings be the most impious and wicked, for

On earth there's not so great an evil,

As for a Man (at all) to screen the Devil.

He has been hid under Mitres and Clerical Robes long enough, but he that bringeth to light is come, and that is wisdom, who makes a shew of the Right Reverend Gentlemen; Satan, openly and will triumph over him till he is bruised under our feet, as the Scripture saith, "*And God shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly,*" But who would think that he was concealed under lawn sleeves, gowns, and cassacks, big wigs and mitres, and such a Reverend appearance, and shew of holiness; no one, ah! but here he is, and let us thank God brethren, that we have found out his lurking place, and let us follow up our blow manfully, and return back unto him the

poison that he has injected unto us, and with it you will see him presently burst assunder ; Fear not, the Type of this, and of our success in this work was set in the story of Bell and the Dragon, see the false Church prefigured by the Drag-on, even the present Church calling herself Christian, (for it is a type of these very days,) see what a Bolus Daniel prepared for her, and stuffed it down the Dragons throat and it burst assunder ; Daniel i. e. the Judgment of the Lord is now preparing this Bolus in the truth thereof, to fulfill the type, and as you see in the type, so shall it be with the Antitype, the exposure of the craft, the total overthrow of hypocrisy and religious mummery, and the infernal Old Drag-on to sink for ever into his dark abyss, from which he first came, no more to shew his horrible face, nor exercise his despotic tyranny ; nor to make mankind afraid with his fire and brimstone delusion, no more do we tremble at the threatnings of excommunication from the Church, or dread the Anathemas of Priests ; God has discovered to us, the cheat, and opened unto us the mystery of Iniquity, because the time is come for its working to cease, and to be removed out of the way, according to 2nd. of Thessalonians chap. 2. verses 7, 8. *“ For the mystery of Iniquity doth already work, only he now letteth till he be taken out of the way. Then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.”*

This ancient prophecy of the coming of the Lord being now fulfilled, by that very Lord of which it spoke being now revealed in human nature, which Lord is Wisdom, Truth, Justice, and Love, the divine nature ; he, the invisible Lord being come to reign Lord and King in the human nature, now useth the human nature as his mouth through whom the spirit speaks, and does through his mouth reprove, and rebuke men for their unlawful and ungodly deeds ; and saith to Bishops, Priests, and Parsons who have taken upon them these offices, without Gods call or authority ; *ye sons of Hell* give up to the higher power the powers that are ordained of God, and which powers must now rule, viz. those mentioned above, wisdom, justice, truth, and love ; *“ whosoever resisteth this power, resisteth the ordinance of God, and shall receive to himself Damnation ;”* (or condemnation,) and for this purpose the Supreme Judge is come to condemn all the present and long existing religion, set up under the name of Christian, because it is imperfect, in it is not the power to make man happy on earth, but on the contrary ;

its doctrines gender Bondage and misery, torment, and pain in the mind, because of the wrong views they give of God, and the false interpretations (sent forth,) of the Scriptures; and its very Clergy are the most rapacious set of beings on earth, each one looking for his gain from his quarter, riches they must have, yes, and to get it, even the lives of those, who they with their mouths profess to love, and whose souls *they love as their own*, as they say, shall be sacrificed, but they will have their tithes, their Peters pence, their Easter Offerings Smoke Pennys, &c. &c. contrary both to the laws of God, and of the Protestant profession; the laws of God loudly declares against such exaction and oppression; and protestants protest against the errors of the church of Rome, with their mouths, while, for the sake of gain, they still make demands upon the people that were first instituted by the Papal Church, and which their own church, according to its profession and original constitution, cannot sanction, and which the people by any law are not obliged to pay, unless the clergy will assure them that King William the Fourth of England, is become a Roman Catholic; and that instead of abiding by his coronation oath, which is to maintain the Protestant religion and to defend the faith, he now swears to maintain, to keep up, and by despotic power to force the people to pay tithes to Clergy, against the law of God; and Easter offerings, dues, and Peters pence, and smoke penny's, against the Protestant profession. But as the King has not done this, but professes still to be a Protestant, let us then be all true Protestants, *let us protest against all error and all evil, and oppression*; let us be free, and cast off the yoke of bondage, which neither we nor our fathers were able to bear.

ENGLISHMEN BE FIRM, RESIST THE UNLAWFUL DEMANDS OF THE CLERGY; your King is a Protestant, AND CANNOT, NOR DARE NOT, SANCTION EVIL, NOR SUPPORT EVIL DOERS; but both himself and his Magistrates who represent him in every court, must according to their oath, "be a terror to evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well;" and therefore will not issue warrants to enforce the payment of tithes and offerings, which we have shewn in this pamphlet belong to God alone.

I am your faithful friend and servant,
ZION.

The Pillar and Ground of the Truth, 1st. of Tim. chap. 3. v. 15.

God is the Lord, who hath shewed us light, Psalm 118. v. 27.

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